have sanitary appliances of the best. Lifts are provided in both ward buildings for the use of invalids. Certainly the city of Philadelphia is generously atoning for her neglect of this department hitherto. With its new equipment, Blockley can easily take rank, as it should, with the State hospitals of Pennsylvania.

THE RICHARD GUNDRY HOME.

The widow of Dr. Richard Gundry, so many years in charge of asylums in Dayton, Athens and Columbus, Ohio; and who for the past twelve years, and until death in April last, was Superintendent of Maryland Hospital for the Insane, has opened a private home for nervous and mental diseases at Catonsville, Maryland. The home was ready for the reception of patients June 23d.

Dr. Richard F. Gundry, a son of the late Dr. Gundry and recently an assistant at the Athens State Hospital, Ohio, will be resident physician. His training and experience are all in the direction of the work to be done, and, says one who knew her, "with such a noble and humane woman in charge as Mrs. Gundry, it is needless to assure the profession that the patients intrusted to their keeping will receive the best of care. A woman of kinder heart or keener sympathy for the insane never lived than Mrs. Gundry, and with these qualities she combines the practical good sense of a mature and experienced matron of more than thirty years. Patients will receive not only good treatment, but the protection and sympathy of the most sensible and largest hearted asylum housewife with whom I have had the good fortune to meet."

THE BOARDING-OUT SYSTEM IN AUSTRALIA.

Vigorous efforts have been made by Dr. W. Beattie Smith of the Ararat Asylum, Victoria, to secure (under recent code of regulations) boarding-out places for suitable cases, where proper guardians could be had and easy supervision by asylum management maintained, as is done in connection with some of the Scotch asylums and to a limited extent in mass. The effort has not been wholly successful. There were received thirty-one applications for guardians, but to only fifteen of them were patients granted. The other sixteen were refused because of personal unsuitability, unsuitability of premises and the cool and calculating manner in which benefit of having patient was reckoned upon the basis of so much a meal.

Dr. Smith says that while he is not discouraged, he feels the fact is demonstrated that the boarding-out system, as carried on in Scotland, cannot be transplanted to Victoria. The amount offered, twelve shillings a week, is not a sufficient sum to induce the people of that country to take insane patients into their homes. It is only in the older countries where there is a class, as in Scotland, to whom the limited compensation is of vital moment, and where distances are so short that the hospitals can maintain an espionage over all, that this system is possible.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE LUNATIC HOSPITAL, HARRISBURG.

The policy of the State toward this hospital seems a short-sighted one. Although by virtue of years and construction the least well adapted of all the Pennsylvania State hospitals to its necessities, yet the State continues to treat it in a most niggardly manner. The district comprises sixteen counties of 10,468 square miles, and has a population of over 1,000,000, paying into the State treasury a large proportion of its revenue. Yet despite these facts we see by the last report that the three newer hospitals, Danville, Morristown and Warren, have received for land, buildings and furniture not less than a million of dollars apiece while the Harrisburg hospital, though many years older, has not received one-half that amount. This would be of little moment did not the absolute safety of the patients and the best interests of the institution demand appropriations for new buildings at once. Architects and builders, experts and non-experts, have condemned the old buildings for over a decade, and fifteen years ago the late Miss Dix said that, could the safety of the patients and household be assured, the best thing that could happen would be its total extinction by fire. It is unsafe, unsanitary, overcrowded, gloomy, inadequate and expensive. Defects of construction always increase the expense of maintenance, and undoubtedly this is the cause of the weekly per capita expense exceeding that of the other State hospitals, Dixmont excluded. The buildings at Harrisburg are without exception the poorest of a considerable number of insane hospitals, both in this country and in Europe, which it has been the writer's privilege to visit.

The burden of the reports of superintendent, trustees and lunacy committee for the past ten years has been the